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Sent via e-mail: aglukark@nunavut.ca

Re: NIRB Request for Direction from NPC Regarding KRLUP Conformity Requirements for AEM's "All Weather Road" project proposal

Dear Brian Aglukark:

This letter is a follow up request for advice and direction from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) in respect of the enclosed conformity determination provided to the NIRB on April 1, 2011 for Aginco-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "*All Weather Road in Support of the Underground Program Rankin Inlet to the Meliadine Site*" project proposal (NIRB File No. 11RN017). As this project appears to involve the development of a transportation corridor¹, the NIRB is seeking NPC's direction and advice with respect to the conformity requirements applicable to the development of a transportation corridor under the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). In particular, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) is requesting NPC's comments and advice on the conformity requirements of Section 5.7 of the KRLUP which states that the NPC and the NIRB "shall publicly review the proposed corridor to determine whether the proposal adequately meets the requirements of Appendix I and the guidelines of Appendix J [of the KRLUP]".

As the NPC has previously expressly noted in its conformity determination for Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s "Mary River" project proposal on April 30, 2008, (which you will recall, involves similar conformity requirements for the review of a prospective transportation corridor under the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan), it is anticipated that the development of a joint review process for meeting any transportation corridor conformity requirements would be necessary. The NIRB would appreciate receiving NPC's specific comments in this regard, so that the NIRB can ensure its screening process effectively and efficiently incorporates all of NPC's conformity

¹ See enclosed NPC Application to determine conformity with the KRLUP, as completed by the project proponent

requirements and that all the parties involved in the screening of the project are aware of these requirements.

If you have questions, comments or would like to discuss this request further please contact me directly at rbarry@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4608.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ryan Barry
Director, Technical Services
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Eric Lamontagne, AEM
John Witteman, AEM
Distribution List

Enclosed: NPC Conformity Determination Re AEM Meliadine All Weather Road proposal (April 1, 2011)
NPC Application to Determine Conformity with the KRLUP (March 4, 2011)